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(57) Abstract

The invention concerns a novel method for preparing hydroxymethylthiobutyric acid by sulphuric hydrolysis of hydroxymethylthiobutyronitrile.

(57) Abrégé

L'invention concerne un nouveau procédé de préparation de l'acide hydroxyméthylthiobutyrique par hydrolyse sulfurique de l'hydroxyméthylthiobutyronitrile.